

Claims

1. A method of controlling the response of a wireless communication device comprising the following steps:

providing a first wireless communication device capable of audibly responding;

networking said first device with a number of other wireless devices;

sampling the sound pressure level through a microphone used by the first device; and,

selecting to modifying the audible response of the first device based on a count of other networked devices and the sampled sound pressure level.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the first device is a cellular telephone.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the other wireless communication devices are cellular telephones.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the first device is networked with the other wireless devices using Bluetooth.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the modification of the response of the first wireless communication device prevents the first wireless communication device from sounding an audible alert in response to a wireless communication.

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- 5 6. A wireless communication device comprising:
- a processor,
- a wireless communications interface,
- a speaker for producing an audible response,
- a microphone, and
- storage for executable code,
- the processor executing the executable code to allow a provider to
- 10 input threshold parameters, network the device with other wireless devices, sample
- the sound pressure level through the microphone, make comparisons between the
- threshold parameters and a count of other devices networked with the device, and the
- sampled sound pressure level, and modify the audible response of the wireless
- communication device based on the comparisons.
7. The wireless device of claim 6 wherein the wireless communication
- device is a cellular telephone.
8. The wireless device of claim 6 wherein the wireless communication
- device is a personal digital assistant.
9. The wireless device of claim 6 wherein the executable code includes
- Bluetooth software.

10. The wireless device of claim 6 wherein the selection to modify the response of the wireless communication device prevents the wireless device from sounding an audible alert in response to a wireless communication.

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11. A program product for a wireless communication device, the
program product comprising:

executable code to allow a provider to input thresholds for comparison
to a count of networked devices and a sampled sound pressure level and in response
5 modify the audible response of the wireless device, and a signal bearing media
carrying said executable code.

12. The program product of claim 11 wherein the executable code
further includes networking code for networking with other devices.

13. The program product of claim 12 wherein the networking code
comprises Bluetooth compatible networking code.

14. The program product of claim 13 wherein the modification of the
response of the wireless communication device to wireless communications comprises
preventing the wireless communication device from sounding an audible alert.

15. The program product of claim 11 wherein said signal bearing
media is a transmission-type media.